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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the accompanying application of

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Group Art Unit: 1621

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Examiner: Lansana Nyalley

BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL **COMPOSITIONS AND DERIVATIVES**

THEREOF

December 9, 2005

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE

The Applicants hereby petition under Rule 313 to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. The Applicants are filing this petition because they wish to have the USPTO consider their request for continued examination in compliance with Rule 114. The purpose of the request for continued examination is to submit an information disclosure statement disclosing a new reference which was recently brought to the Applicants attention by the USPTO in a related case. Please charge the \$130 fee for this petition to Shell Oil Company Deposit Account 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

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